

## OTHER PRAYERS

### IN FLANDERS FIELDS THE POPPIES BLOW

Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control.  
If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by  
the Spirit. *Galatians 5.22, 23a, 25*

THE SOULS OF THE RIGHTEOUS ARE IN THE HAND OF GOD;  
no torment shall ever touch them.  
In the eyes of the unwise they seemed to be dead,  
their departure was taken for defeat,  
their going from us to be disaster;  
but they are in peace. *Wisdom 3.1-8*

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART,  
for they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew 5*

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Song of Zechariah*

O GOD, IT IS YOUR WILL TO HOLD BOTH HEAVEN AND EARTH IN A SINGLE PEACE.  
Let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,  
and give peace to your Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes,  
and peace in our hearts, Amen.

ALMIGHTY GOD, YOU HAVE GIVEN US THIS GOOD LAND AS OUR HERITAGE. May we  
prove ourselves a people mindful of your generosity and glad to do your  
will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an  
honourable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;  
from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us  
who came from many nations with many different languages a united  
people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted  
with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be  
justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts  
be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask  
this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD OUR CREATOR, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient  
people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend  
our neighbourhood to your care, that it might be kept free from social  
strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that  
we may create here a community of justice and peace where your will  
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